

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A stake removal tool comprising:

a link bar;

a first handle coupled to the link bar and having a first handle axis;

a second handle coupled to the link bar and having a second handle axis;

a first gripper attached to the first handle; and

a second gripper attached to the second handle,

wherein:

each of the first and second grippers comprise:

a first surface and a second surface spaced apart by a circumferential face;

and

at least one circumferential ridge protruding from and extending

circumferentially along at least a portion of the circumferential face; and

the at least one circumferential ridge is substantially parallel to the first and second surfaces.

2. The stake removal tool of claim 1 wherein:

the first gripper comprises a first gripper axis and the second gripper comprises a second gripper axis;

the first gripper axis is offset from the first handle axis by an offset distance; and  
the second gripper axis is offset from the second handle axis by the offset distance.

3. The stake removal tool of claim 2 wherein:  
the first handle has a first length;  
the second handle has a second length; and  
the first length is greater than the offset distance and the second length is greater than the offset distance.
4. The stake removal tool of claim 1 wherein:  
the link bar comprises an alignment feature.
5. The stake removal tool of claim 1 wherein:  
the first gripper is removably attached to the first handle; and  
the second gripper is removably attached to the second handle.
6. The stake removal tool of claim 1 wherein:  
the at least one circumferential ridge comprises:  
a flat portion at a first end of the at least one circumferential ridge.

7. A stake removal tool comprising:

a link bar;

a first handle coupled to the link bar at a first handle axis; and

a second handle coupled to the link bar at a second handle axis,

wherein:

the first and second handles each comprise a first end adjacent to the link bar, the first end comprising:

a first surface;

a second surface substantially parallel to the first surface;

a gripping surface between and substantially perpendicular to the first and second surfaces, the gripping surface having a circumferential face coupling together the first and second surfaces;

the gripping surface comprises at least one circumferential ridge protruding from and extending circumferentially along at least a portion of the circumferential face; and

the at least one circumferential ridge is substantially parallel to the first and second surfaces.

8. The stake removal tool of claim 7 wherein:

the at least one circumferential ridge comprises:

a flat portion at a first end of the at least one circumferential ridge.

9. The stake removal tool of claim 7 wherein:  
the link bar comprises an alignment feature.

10. A method of manufacturing a stake removal tool, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a link bar;

providing a first handle coupled to the link bar and having a first handle axis;

providing a second handle coupled to the link bar and having a second handle axis;

providing a first gripper attached to the first handle; and

providing a second gripper attached to the second handle,

wherein:

providing the first gripper and the second gripper comprises:

providing a first surface and a second surface spaced apart by a circumferential

face; and

providing at least one circumferential ridge protruding from and extending circumferentially along at least a portion of the circumferential face, where the at least one circumferential ridge is substantially parallel to the first and second surfaces.